

SOLANO COUNTY DELTA RELATED PREFERRED OUTCOMES LIST

Items are not listed in any order of priority

Parameters for Delta-related habitat projects and longer term actions by the State

Tier One

1. Payment in-lieu of property tax for lands changing from private to public ownership¹
2. Payment for lost business opportunity and income, including socio-economic issues
3. Continued payment of special district assessment(s) and fees¹
4. Mitigation of costs for increased public services (e.g. law enforcement, fire, rescue, roads, drainage, flood protection)
5. Mitigation for economic impacts of agricultural land converted to habitat (lost business opportunities and income; continued payment of district assessments for funding for O&M and infrastructure [including levees] from project proponents; emergency services and road impacts; along with increased flooding due to changes that will be handled through the CEQA process
6. No adverse changes to flood protection for surrounding areas including increased costs for O&M and regulatory compliance
7. Funding and establishment of the responsible entity for monitoring and adaptive management of habitat projects and associated lands
8. Long term funding for improvements and maintenance of Delta levees
9. Develop and fund a comprehensive emergency response program
10. Analyze and mitigate for any flood impacts to Rio Vista
11. Provide funding for NBA Alternate Intake Project
12. Determine funding for protection from levee breaks and ensure full mitigation
13. Delta representation as a voting member on all governance bodies involved in oversight of the Delta
14. Willing sellers only
15. No amendments to Area-of-Origin or Delta Protection Act laws
16. Maintain the existing water rights priority system
17. Permanent protection/preservation of like or better quality agricultural lands for agricultural lands converted, compliance with local policies regarding conservation easements

¹ For all items in this list that require funding, such funding must be guaranteed to Yolo and Solano Counties and applicable Special Districts in perpetuity and allocated outside the state's budget process.

18. Maintain water quality by establishing Safe Harbor for agricultural and urban point and non-point discharges so that local runoff is not required to be improved above normal requirements due to creation of new habitat.
19. Mitigation for increased organic carbon at North Bay Aqueduct
20. Mitigation for changes in salinity in the north Delta and in the Suisun Marsh
21. The North Delta Water Agency Agreement with the State of California shall remain in full force and effect, both as to the specific terms of the agreement and the water quality and quantity intent
22. Credits for the Counties and Special Districts to obtain mitigation of future impacts associated with County and Special District public works projects (e.g., roads, bridges, levee work) as part of habitat projects
23. Provide internal buffers sufficient to avoid the need for additional restrictions on farm practices and public agency activities on surrounding lands
24. Full ESA and CESA protection for neighboring lands/landowners/agencies including reliable and enforceable Safe Harbor for adjacent lands
25. Full ESA and CESA protection for water diversions within the project regions, including funding for installing and operating fish screens or other diversion modification requirements
26. Local agricultural diversions need take coverage through North Delta Water Agency participation in BDCP along with interim relief for interim habitat projects. Reliable and enforceable Safe Harbor or assumption of ESA obligation, based on pre-POD conditions, is required
27. Mitigation for loss of terrestrial habitat for special status species and other wildlife
28. No out of Delta water transfers from converted lands
29. Protect Delta transportation corridors such as Highways 12 and 113.
30. Ensure upstream "dumping" of flood waters does not negatively impact Solano County or the Yolo Bypass
31. BDCP must recognize the work of the Suisun Marsh Charter in determining salinity changes and limits on acres converted
32. North Delta Water Agency salinity standards must be recognized to preserve Delta agriculture

Tier Two

1. Project impacts originating in Yolo county must be discharged in Yolo county to avoid direct or indirect negative impacts to Solano County
2. Consistency with the Yolo Natural Heritage Program and Solano Habitat Conservation Plan and consider the Suisun Marsh Plan of Protection
3. Protection of existing high value habitat
4. Exclusion, detection and eradication programs for vectors, invasive species and agricultural pests
5. No increase in mercury release or transport or toxic pollutant load in general
6. If possible, projects will be designed to accept dredged materials from the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel
7. Recognition that the Yolo Bypass is primarily a flood control feature of the Sacramento Flood Control Project and that all other uses shall be subordinate, compatible with, and without hydraulic impact to the current and future needs of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project
8. Projects shall not result in increased point and non-point discharge requirements for agricultural and urban activities
9. Permanently funded stakeholder working group for the Yolo/Solano portion of the Delta

Other

Mosquito & Vectors – Good neighbor programs usually deal with vectors. Vector control must be funded in management plans.